

Newsmakers

► Items of interest **about** and **for** members of our Angus family. *Compiled by Linda Robbins.*

IN THE NEWS

Betty Rosson, Quaker Hill Farm, Louisa, Va., has been named Monsanto's 2013 America's Farmers Mom of the Year. She is the second Angus breeder in a row to win this honor, as Debbie Lyons-Blythe, White City, Kan., won in 2012.

Betty's nomination, submitted by son Charles, was chosen by judges of American Agri-Women as regional winner for the Southeast. Online voting was conducted in early May, during which time anyone could visit *AmericasFarmers.com*, read regional winners' nominations, and cast a vote for one

to receive the national title. Betty, a grain and cattle farmer, received the most online votes, and she was notified of her national win on Mother's Day.

"Whether she is driving a tractor, feeding cows or caring for her family, Elizabeth (Betty) is 100% all in for the job," wrote son Charles, in the winning nomination. "Mom certainly doesn't let grass grow under her feet, as she is always on the move for her family, her church, her farm and the community."

Charles' nomination mentioned Betty's involvement in the FFA, 4-H and Ag in the Classroom, in addition to the Louisa Farm Bureau and livestock judging and showmanship clinics hosted at the farm. She manages all the recordkeeping and taxes for Quaker Hill Farm, in addition to planning two annual cattle production sales. She is a founding member of her church and is a board member of her local volunteer rescue squad. She does all this while caring for her 92-year-old mother. The recognition is not new to Betty, as she recently represented Louisa County and the Central District and was a runner-up in the Virginia Farm Bureau Woman of the Year contest.

"Raising a family on the farm and being involved with agriculture is a blessing," Betty said upon learning she had won. "I share this recognition with farm moms everywhere."

Quaker Hill Farm is a fifth-generation family farming operation that is a partnership of Betty; husband Charles; and two of their five sons, Charles and Lee. The Rossons farm hay, pasture and grain crops and grow corn, soybeans, wheat and barley to feed to the cattle as a cash crop. They also have 750 brood cows consisting of primarily Angus and Simmental. The Rossons have more than 20 sires enrolled in artificial insemination (AI) bull studs and have exported cattle around the world, as far away as Turkey and Russia. Quaker Hill Farm is also home to show pigs and Boer goats for 4-H and FFA students to show.

All five regional "Farm Mom of the Year" winners will receive a \$5,000 cash prize from Monsanto. As national winner, Betty will receive an additional \$5,000.

"From the large pool of nominations from almost every state, Betty's immediately stood out," says Kris Zilliox of American Agri-Women. "Like so many farm moms, she is

Mississippi Angus Ass'n Meeting & Banquet, May 3, Raymond



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► Mississippi Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) **Brian Garner**, Newhebron, president; **Paul Whitlock**, luka, vice president; **Mike Howell**, Baldwyn, treasurer; and **Misty Garner**, Newhebron, secretary; (standing, from left) **Kenneth Stewart**, Wiggins; **William Howard**, Canton; **D.R. Bozeman Jr.**, Flora; **Larry Fitzgerald**, Poplarville; **Steve Gaines**, New Albany; **Gary Tanner**, Ellisville; **W.E. Warren**, West; and **Larry Blocker**, Starkville.



► These women will serve on the Mississippi Angus Auxiliary. Pictured are (from left) **Emma Collins**, Tupelo; **Melanie Kiani**, Morton; and **Pam Cooper**, Florence.



► **Jarvene and Pat Shackelford**, Ripley, received the Mississippi Jr. Angus Ass'n Enhancement Award. Pictured are (from left) Hayden Neal and Rickey Cooper, Mississippi Jr. Angus Ass'n members, presenting; Pat and Jarvene Shackelford, recipients; and Gabrielle Simpson and Ashton Gandy, Mississippi Jr. Angus Ass'n members, presenting.



► The **Kenneth Stewart family**, Wiggins, was recognized as the Mississippi Angus Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Randy Walker, presenting; Kenneth Stewart, recipient; and Connie Walker and Haley Walker, presenting.



► **Whitlock Angus**, luka, was recognized as the Mississippi Progressive Breeder of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Lori, Edward and Kayla Williams, Heritage Farm, 2012 Progressive Breeder of the Year, presenting; and Paul Whitlock, Kindra and Jon Paul Whitlock, recipients.

▣ Michigan Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, March 10, Jackson

► Michigan Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) **Monte Bordner**, Sturgis, chairman of the board; **Merle Boehmer**, Williamston, president; **Ken Geuns**, Bath, vice president; **Nancy Thelen**, Saline, secretary; and **Lisa Bohlen**, Pleasant Ridge, treasurer; (standing) **Steven Fitzner**, Wolverine; **Clifford Simmons II**, Williamston; **Daniel Vaassen**, Ann Arbor; **Kevin Beckington**, Merritt; **Bob Zellmer**, Nashville; **Ed Dawson**, Hanover; **Chuck Preston**, Prescott; **Kirk Sterzick**, Lowell; and **Scott Foster**, Niles.



► **Duane Schroeder** (center), Blue Water Angus Farm, Deckerville, receives the Michigan Angus Ass'n Heritage Award from **Merle Boehmer** (left), Michigan Angus Ass'n president, presenting; and Duane's wife **Lou Ann Schroeder**.



► Michigan Angus Ass'n Auxiliary officers are (seated, from left) **Kris Boehmer**, Charlotte; president; **Sharon Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, secretary-treasurer; **Elaine Foster**, Niles, co-historian; and **Laura Pillars**, Martin, co-historian; (standing) **Janel Horrocks-Boehmer**, Williamston, scholarship chairperson; and **Nancy Thelen**, Saline, awards chairperson.



► **Heather Kennedy** (right), Nashville, receives the Adult Appreciation Award from **Kendra Merriman**, Michigan Jr. Angus Ass'n president.

passionate about supporting her family, bettering her community and increasing awareness of American agriculture. She's a fantastic representation of what being a modern farm mom is all about."

Visit AmericasFarmers.com to read more about Betty and the other 2013 regional winners.

The Meat Industry Hall of Fame has announced six new inductees voted on by its more than 70 members and trustees. Named to the Class of 2013 are

- **Barry Carpenter**, CEO of the newly formed North American Meat Association and a longtime meat industry leader on issues related to labeling and marketing;
- **Michael Dikeman**, professor of meat science at Kansas State University (K-State), past president of the American Meat Science Association and the Federation of American Societies of Food Animal Sciences and leading researcher of beef production and management systems;
- **Sheldon Lavin**, chairman and CEO of OSI Group LLC, who took his company to the forefront of quality and efficiency as a global supplier of top-quality meat products for many of the world's leading foodservice and retail brands;
- **Tom Pierson**, professor emeritus at Michigan State University and a pioneer in analyzing effective retail marketing

and merchandising programs for value-added meat and poultry products;

- **James "Bo" Reagan**, vice president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Research and Knowledge Management Center and an expert on beef quality and safety and cattle genomics, and one of the leaders of the industry's Blue Ribbon Task Force charged with responding to the *E. coli* O157:H7 threat; and
- **Roger Reiser**, president of Reiser, a leading food industry equipment manufacturer, and a strong proponent of advancing product quality and value through the application of leading-edge technologies in processing and packaging.

The 2013 induction ceremony will be Nov. 3 at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, Ill.

▣ IN PASSING

Richard "Dick" Kleedehn, 81, Hartsfield, Ga., died May 10 at Unihealth at Magnolia Manor South in Moultrie, Ga.

Dick was born March 6, 1932, in Cullman, Ala., the son of Richard and Virginia (Frank) Kleedehn. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a hay and cattle farmer. He was a member of Bay Free Will Baptist Church.

Dick is survived by wife Louvenia (Faison) Kleedehn; daughter Kirsten; granddaughter Kari; and several nieces and nephews.

James "Jim" Johnson, 84, Stockville, Neb., died May 10 at McCook, Neb.

Jim was born Sept. 30, 1928, to Arthur and Alice (Ewing) Johnson on a farm 8 miles northeast of Stockville. He attended grade school at Rural District No. 56. He graduated from Stockville High School in 1946.

After graduation he worked for various farmers, helped build the Cambridge REA system, and worked at Montgomery Ward at McCook before enlisting in the Air Force in 1950 for four years, three years of which were spent in Hawaii.

After his discharge, he returned to help his father on the farm until he married Twila Max June 26, 1955, at the Jacob and Carrie Max farm. They lived the first year of their marriage on a farm south of Curtis, Neb. Twila taught school and Jim farmed.

Jim had Hereford cattle, and Twila had a few head of purebred Angus. The Herefords were sold and more purebred Angus were bought, thus establishing Frontier Angus Farm. Angus cattle are still an important part of their operation. Production sales were hosted at Curtis, Cambridge, McCook and finally at the farm. Now in partnership with their son, Paul, cattle are sold privately at the farm.

Jim and Twila moved back to the Stockville area in 1956. They lived in the old rock house for a year. With the help of his father-in-law, his father and Grant Richey,

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Jim constructed a basement and a house was moved from the Amos Cole farm and placed on it. They moved into the house in 1957. Jim and Twila built a new house on the former Harry Herman/Ted Current farm, southwest of Stockville, which they had purchased in 1970. They moved into their new home on Christmas Eve 1993.

Jim was a member of the Curtis American Legion Post 95 for 57 years. He had been a lifetime member of the Southwest Nebraska Angus Association, the Nebraska Angus Association and the American Angus Association since 1956. Jim and Twila were awarded the 2010 Pioneer Producer Award by the Nebraska Angus Association. Jim was a past Frontier Agricultural Society member and Stockville School Board member.

In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by sons Paul, Bill and Rodney; sister Millie; grandchildren Jacob, Matthew, Samantha and Benjamin; five stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Wayne Bollum, 57, Northfield, Minn., died May 15 at his home.

Wayne was born Oct. 8, 1955, at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., to Henry and Marilyn (Friedrich) Bollum. He was raised on a farm near Blue Earth, Minn., and graduated from Blue Earth High School in 1974. He attended the University of Minnesota and received a bachelor's degree in animal science in 1978, later receiving his master's degree from the Carlson School of Business.

Following his education he moved to Owatonna to work for the Steele County Extension Service, to Albert Lea to work for First Northwestern National Bank and to the Twin Cities to work for International MultiFoods in Roseville. In the mid-1980s he moved to the Chicago area and began working in the publishing business for the Farm Progress Co.

Wayne married Jean Bajadek Dec. 30, 1988, at Saint Petronille's Church in Glen Ellyn, Ill. They made their home in Roseville, and Wayne began working with *BEEF*, *National Hog Farmer* and *Dairy* magazines.

In 1992 they moved to Apple Valley, and in 1999 they bought their farm in Greenvale Township, Dakota County, just west of Northfield.

Wayne started Golden Oaks Beef and continued to work as an advertising representative for *Farm Journal* publication's *Dairy Today*. Jean died Sept. 18, 2010. Wayne retired to stay home with his children and began his Golden Oaks Consulting business.

Wayne attended the Church of Saint Dominic, enjoyed golfing and liked raising purebred cattle. During his travels, he visited nearly every state in the union, as well as several foreign countries. Throughout his life he was very involved in agriculture.

Wayne is survived by children Haley, Will and Wendy; his father; brothers Randy and Terry; sister Cindy; and by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Ronnie Martin, 54, Bainbridge, Ga., died May 26 at his residence.

Ronnie was born Sept. 1, 1958, in Bainbridge, the son of Wesley Martin and Mary Jo (Booth) Martin. He was a graduate of Bainbridge High School in 1976 and retired as a senior chief ranger with the Georgia Forestry Commission after 28 years of service.

Ronnie was a cattle farmer for 42 years. He enjoyed the junior livestock events and actively participated in the Georgia Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program. In addition, he was a member of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association, Decatur County Young Farmers, and board member of Southwest Georgia Cattle Feeders Association. He was a member of West Bainbridge Baptist Church where he actively served in the men's ministry.

Survivors include his wife, Kerri; daughters Cricket, Melissa and Bethanie; brother Randall; sister Sue; and grandson Luke.

Terry Bridges Sr., 58, Washington, Ga., died May 26 at his home.

He was a graduate of Oglethorpe County High School in 1971. He then attended ABAC in Tifton for a short period before joining the military, where he served 16 years total time with the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Air Reserves and U.S. Army National Guard.

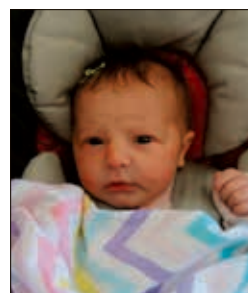
He worked most of his life for his father at Bridges Angus Farm in Lexington, Ga. His most recent employment was the Georgia Seed Development Commission in Athens, Ga.

He was a member of Salem Baptist Church in the Salem Community in Lexington.

Terry is survived by his wife, Debbie (Hopkins) Bridges; his parents, Ralph and Margaret Bridges; sons Alan and Phillip; daughter Crystal; brothers Steve, John, Walter and David; sister Iris; stepchildren Lynn, Frank and Chrissie; and several aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Wes and Shawna Tiemann, Hallsville, Mo., announce the birth of their daughter,



Mesa Marie, born June 1. She weighed 6 lb., 12 oz., and was 19 in. long.

Grandparents are Danny and Katy Wuthnow, Abilene, Kan.; Rhonda Blau, Wellsville; and

Trent Tiemann of Morrisonville, Ill.

Wes is a regional manager for the American Angus Association, covering Iowa and Missouri.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

John Schenk has been named vice president of operations for Accelerated Genetics. In this position, Schenk will be responsible for overseeing of the farm and barn, semen laboratory and semen warehouse at Accelerated Genetics' production facility in Wesby, Wis., and at the Nebraska Bull Services facility near McCook, Neb.

Ron Williams has been re-elected chairman of the Western Stock Show Association (WSSA), according to Paul Andrews, president and CEO of the National Western Stock Show and Complex. The WSSA board also elected **Sue Anschutz-Rodgers**, first vice president; **George "Buck" Hitchison**, second vice president; and **Mark Gustafson**, secretary-treasurer.

The board approved **Guy McEndaffer** as a new member of the WSSA executive committee. Elected members of the executive committee include **Peter Coors**, **Don Elliman**, **Patrick Grant**, **Gail Klapper**, **Tracy Ringolsby** and **Thomas Bradbury**.

Carolina Hall has been promoted to global mineral management marketing manager for Alltech. **Megan DeRose** has been promoted to the North America mineral management marketing manager role. Hall is now responsible for the implementation of mineral communication strategies and supporting the sales force by developing customer-engagement initiatives and marketing programs around the world. DeRose will oversee the North America mineral marketing communication strategy and support sales throughout the United States and Canada.

Matt Killian has joined ABS Global as a district business manager for New York and

New England. In this position, Killian will facilitate growth and development of unit sales and the sales team.

Tim Brennan has joined the staff of Farm Foundation NFP as director of development. In this role, Brennan will formalize a fundraising strategy and bring valuable experience to strengthen and broaden relationships in the Foundation's networks.

Bryan Hanson, Fort Pierre, S.D., was recently elected vice president of the board of directors of Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund United Stockgrowers of America

(R-CALF USA). Hanson will finish the term left vacant by the passing of Joel Gill.

Jaclyn Bowen, general manager; **Greg Komar**, technical manager; and **Nova Sayers**, business development manager, have been appointed to the new NSF International leadership team in its agriculture and organic programs division.

Andrew McElwaine has been appointed president of American Farmland Trust, effective July 8. He succeeds Jon Scholl, who will be teaching agricultural policy at the University of Illinois.

Denny Worth was appointed vice president, member services for Growmark, effective June 1. In this role, Worth will be responsible for assisting the company's Illinois FS member cooperatives and the Illini FS retail division with reaching growth and profitability goals by managing all services provided to members through company regional staff, product divisions and others.



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